

--Flow Cytometer Droplet Formation System--

2. Please amend the priority claim in the first paragraph on the first page of the specification of the application to read as follows:

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This is a divisional application of parent application number 08/627,963, filed September 8, 1997, issuing as United States Patent No. <sup>6133044</sup> ~~1111111~~, which is a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) of parent application, filed April 16, 1996, of the same application number and now abandoned. The parent application filed April 16, 1996 was a File Wrapper Continuation (FWC) of the now abandoned original application, application number 08/323,270, filed October 14, 1994. The present application claims priority to, and incorporates by reference, each of the aforementioned applications.

In the claims:

1. Please cancel claims ~~1-43~~ and ~~69-82~~ without prejudice or disclaimer.
2. Please amend the claims as follows:

83. (once amended)

A system for creating a droplet from a jet of a flow cytometer comprising:

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- a. a nozzle body having an inner surface;
  - b. a nozzle tip having an inner surface;
  - c. a seal located off of said inner surface of said nozzle tip and to which both said nozzle body and said nozzle tip are responsive;
  - d. a sheath fluid port located within said nozzle volume wherein said sheath fluid port introduces a sheath fluid;
  - e. a substance introduction port located within said nozzle volume; and
  - f. a free fall area below said nozzle [exit] tip and within which said droplet forms.